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1. FOLLOWING IS SAT. AM ROUNDUP OF REACTIONS GLEANED FROM CONSULTATIONS IN COURSE MAKING BANQUET CIRCUIT FRIDAY PM AFTER US POSITIONED STATED AND DRAFT RES PROVIDING FOR ADVISORY OPINION OF ICJ TABLED.
  2. GHORRA IN CORRIDORS CLAIMS SHOCK AT INTENSITY OF US REACTION. BELIEVED THAT HE HAD ASSURANCES THAT WE WOULD REFRAIN FROM RESUMPTION OF CONTEST WHICH ADJOURNED IN COM. 2 LAST NOV. DOES NOT PLAN TO REPLY TO ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN RESPONSE STRONG PRIVATE APPEAL BY FRAZAO.
  3. FRAZAO THOUGHT BOTH LEBANNON AND US COMPORTED THEMSELVES ADMIRABLY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. FEELS THAT ISRAELI INTERVENTION SET STAGE FOR SOVIET ENTRANCE AND ESCALATION OF DEBATE TO POLITICAL EXERCISE. STILL BELIEVES THAT TOLERABLE FOR-ULA FOR CONSENSUS COMPROMISE OBTAINABLE.
  4. NESTERANKO NOT UNDULY AROUSED BY US POSTURE. HOWEVER, FEELS THAT ISRAELI ERRED IN TAKING FLOOR, URGED THAT WE GO ALL OUT AVOID THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN DEBATE SINCE HE
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WOULD BE FORCED TO INTERVENE IN RESPONSE TO LINE TAKEN BY

AMB.

5. KITI (KENYA) BELIEVES THAT US STATEMENT HAD SOBERING INFLUENCE, PARTICULARLY UPON THOSE IN DELICATE POSITION AND WHO MUST NOW WEIGH ISSUE CAREFULLY IF THEY REALLY WISHED RULE OF LAW TO PREVAIL IN UN CIRCLES. URGES DELAY IN DECISION TO PERMIT CONSULTATIONS AT HOME AND AMONG GROUPS.

6. LAI (MALAYSIA) CYNICAL IN RESPECT TO LEGAL APPROACH, ARGUING THAT POLITICAL REALITIES TRANSCEND LAW IN UN. NEVERTHELESS ADMITS THAT PRESENT DONNEBROOK OUGHT BE SETTLED BY CONSENSUS.

7. BRITISH INFORMALLY ADMIT THAT THEY ARE SIDELINED FOR DURATION. EVEN UNWILLING YESTERDAY TO INVOKE 24 HOUR RULE IF NECESSARY FORESTAL STAMPEDE VOTE.

8. WE FIND SEVERAL SIDELINERS CONVINCED THAT ISRAELIES COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT OUTCOME, THAT THEIR SOLE CONCERN IS BEATING DRUMS FOR PURELY INTERNAL REASONS.

9. GHORRA LEFT GENEVA LAST NIGHT FOR NEW YORK. SAYS HE WILL RETURN JULY 26. CHAIRMAN SCOTT DOES NOT FORESEE RESUMPTION ITEM IN COMMITTEE BEFORE FRIDAY.

10. CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT OUR DRAFT RES ON ICJ HAS PRIORITY UNDER RULE 66 ALTHOUGH ARABS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTEST. IF POSITION UPHELD, MANY FEEL IT WILL BE HARD TO VOTE AGAINST LAW AND ORDER. SOME DELS ASKING WHETHER WE WOULD AGREE TO DELETE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 TO WHICH OUR ANSWER SO FAR IS UNEQUIVOCABLE "NO".

11. BELIEVE THAT AS WE KEEP PRESSURE ON HERE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR SCALI ET AL CONTINUE IMPRESS UPON GHORRA SERIOUSNESS WE ATTACH TO ISSUE. THERE IS ALSO TIME TO FURTHER FAMILIARIZE GOL THAT THEY HAVE NOW SUCCEEDED IN PRECIPITATING ISSUE IN SERENE ATMOSPHERE OF GENEVA ABOUT WHICH EVERYBODY UNHAPPY AND FROM WHICH NOBODY STANDS TO EMERGE WITHOUT SCARS THAT HURT. BASSIN

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